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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2000 in the above-noted patent application. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

1. On page 1, after the heading "Abstract of the Disclosure," replace paragraph 1 with the following paragraph:

Disclosed is a method of regulating the expression in a human or animal subject of a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide which is immunogenic in the subject; the method entailing introducing into a mammal a cell containing the nucleic acid sequence encoding the immunogenic polypeptide, the sequence being operably linked to a drug-regulatable promoter; and altering the concentration of regulatory drug to which the cell is exposed.

2. Replace paragraph 2, on page 7 (lines 9-17) with the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A and 1B are schematic representations of nucleic acid constructs referred to in the example below.